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- 1. MOFA UN DIVISION CHIEF YI CHONG-PIN TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 28 ROK HAD HEARD NORTH KOREA IS PLANNING TO ATTEND NEW DELHI NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WITH DELEGATION OF FIVE PEOPLE HEADED BY YI CHONG MOK, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FORMER HEAD OF NORTH KOREAN MISSION TO UN. YI CHONG-PIN SAID HE WOULD HIMSELF BE LEAVING SEOUL APRIL 2 FOR NEW DELHI TO COVER THE NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. HE WILL BE JOINED THERE BY COUNSELOR YI HYON HONG OF THE ROK UN MISSION. BOTH WILL BE TRAVELING CLANDESTINELY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER. COUNSELOR YI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH ASIAN MISSIONS AT THE UN.
- 2. YI CHONG-PIN SAID ROKG WAS PLEASED WITH TALKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON ON UN MATTERS AND THOUGHT THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSED TIMING OF FIRST CORE CROUP MEETING IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY, FOLLOWING NEW DELHI NACC MEETING, WAS JUST ABOUT RIGHT.

3. FOR NEW DELHI: YI CHONG-PIN ASKED FOR NAME OF POLITICAL OFFICER IN US EMBASSY HE COULD CONTACT DURING NACC MEETING. EMBOFF (JOHN KELLEY) SUGGESTED HE CONTACT

POLCOUNS KREISBERG OR CHARGE SCHNEIDER. YI HAS BEEN A VERY CLOSE AND VALUABLE CONTACT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HIS ENGLISH IS A LITTLE ROCKY BUT HE KNOWS HIS BUSINESS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE. STERN

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